

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A tape carrier for TAB, comprising:

a carrying support film having a plurality of opening portions, and

individual pieces of flexible wiring boards, each of which includes an electrically insulating base layer made of a resin film and an electric conductor layer made of a metal foil having a predetermined wiring circuit pattern;

wherein said flexible wiring boards are mounted at regular intervals on said plurality of opening portions, respectively, on said carrying support film, and

wherein said flexible wiring boards are capable of being inspected prior to being mounted on said carrying support film.
2. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein each of said flexible wiring boards is mounted on said carrying support film through an adhesive agent.
3. (canceled).
4. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein said carrying support film is a polyimide film.
5. and 6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 6~~1~~, wherein each of said opening portions has a rectangular shape that is similar in shape but slightly smaller in size than said individual ~~piec~~pieces of said flexible wiring boards.

8. (currently amended): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 6~~1~~, wherein said flexible wiring boards are arranged on said opening portions though adhesive layers.

9. (previously presented): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein a thickness of said electrically insulating base layer is in a range from 3 μm to 100 μm and a thickness of said conductor layer is in a range from 3 μm to 50 μm .

10. (currently amended): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein ~~each of said flexible wiring boards further includes an electrically insulating cover layer covering said electric conductor layer and~~

a thickness of said electrically insulating cover layer is in a range from 3 μm to 100 μm .

11. (previously presented): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 9, wherein the thickness of said electrically insulating base layer is in a range from 5 μm to 50 μm and a thickness of said electric conductor layer is in a range from 5 μm to 20 μm .

12. (previously presented): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein said electrically insulating base layer includes polyimide film said electric conductor layer includes a copper foil.

13. (currently amended): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 7, wherein each of said opening portions has a longitudinal width in a range from 9 mm to 99 mm and a lateral width in a range from 9 mm to 64 mm.

14. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 13, wherein each of said opening portions has a longitudinal width in a range from 14 mm to 69 mm and a lateral width in a range from 19 mm to 44 mm.

15. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 7, wherein a pitch of arrangement of said opening portions is in a range from 1 mm to 10 mm.

16. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 15, wherein a pitch of arrangement of said opening portions is in a range from 3 mm to 7 mm.

17. (new): A circuit sheet, comprising:

an electrically insulating base layer;

a conductor layer formed of metal foil disposed on said base layer;

an electrically insulating cover layer covering said conductor layer; and

terminal portions for performing connection of said conductor layer to electronic parts,
wherein portions of said circuit sheet are cut out to form individual flexible wiring boards
that are capable of being inspected for defects before being mounted to a tape carrier.